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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7706

INFO AMCONSUL DOUALA BY POUCH

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: SOCI, ELAB, CM

SUBJECT: PORT STRIKE CONTINUES IN DOUALA

REF: YAOUNDE 410

1. AS OF MID-AFTERNOON FEB 3, DOUALA PORT STILL CLOSED DOWN. SINCE THERE HAD BEEN SOME STONE THROWING BY STRIKING DOCKWORKERS FEB 2, AUTHORITIES LOCKED WORKERS OUT OF PORT AREA FEB 3. AS RESULT, ABOUT 1,000 WORKERS NOW MILLING AROUND PORT ENTRY AREA, WITH NUMBER GRADUALLY REDUCED FROM 3,000 PEOPLE AT BEGINNING OF DAY. NO RPT NO KNOWN INCIDENTS THUS FAR. FORCES OF ORDER REMAINING DEICREET. AMCONSULATE LOCATED ONLY ABOUT 100 YARDS FROM PORT ENTRY GATE. HUNDREDS OF WORKERS LOUNGED IN FRONT OF CONSULATE EARLIER IN DAY, NOW REDUCED TO HANDFUL AND HAVE CAUSED NO RPT NO TROUBLE.

2. IN DOUALA'S MAJOR INDUSTRIAL SECTION, MOST PLANTS WORKING NORMALLY. SEVERAL STILL OUT ON STRIKE. SEVERAL OTHERS INCLUDING SONEL (NATIONAL ELECTRIC COMPANY) UNDER STRIKE THREAT, WITH NEGOTIATIONS GOING ON BETWEEN

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WORKERS AND MANAGEMENT. ABOUT 50 GENDARMES PRESENT IN

INDUSTRIAL AREA, BUT SITUATION CALM.

3. NO MENTION YET OF STRIKES IN FRENCH-LANGUAGE PRESS,
ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN WEST CAMEROON
ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PAPER. WITHOUT MENTIONING STRIKES,
COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER FEB 1 COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING
REPORTED PRESIDENT AHIDJO'S INSISTENCE THAT LABOR LEGISLATION
BE RESPECTED. RADIO CAMEROON AFTERNOON FEB 3, WITHOUT
REPORTING FACT OF STRIKES, WARNED THAT THOSE WHO CONTINUE
TO STRIKE WILL BE PUNISHED.

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